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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2143

E.O. 11652: GDS-1  
TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJECT: KUWAIT IHAWK PROGRAM: EGYPTIAN ADVISORS

REF: STATE 79414 (NOTAL)

1. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE FORCE (KADF) PERSONNEL AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MIRCOM PERSONNEL, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ASSUMED EXTREMELY MARGINAL AND PASSIVE ROLE REGARDING THE IHAWK PROGRAM. MIRCOM PERSONNEL RARELY SEE THEM ANY MORE. APPARENTLY, THEY CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF THE IHAWK PROGRAM, BUT THEY NEVER APPROACH MIRCOM PEOPLE DIRECTLY FOR INFORMATION OF ANY KIND. THE LAST IHAWK RELATED CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS WAS AT THE UNCLASSIFIED LOGISTICS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 26.

2. AS FOR EGYPTIANS' CURRENT ACTIVITIES, WE BELIEVE THEY ARE WORKING ON A TOTAL AIR DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR THE KADF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE THREE IS WORKING WITH THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN BATTALIONS, AND THAT ONE IS ALSO COORDINATING WITH THE ENGINEERS WHO ARE DESIGNING  
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BUILDINGS OF VARIOUS TYPES TO HOUSE THE OFFICES AND PERSONNEL OF THE KADF. (SINCE MIRCOM PEOPLE HAVE NO DIRECT CONTACT, INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES IS MAINLY HEARSAY.)

3. AS TO THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE EGYPTIANS, ONLY TIME WILL TELL WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER FEEL IN THE JUNE-JULY PERIOD; THIS IS THE TIME WHEN SOME OF THE PERSONNEL UNDER-

GOING TRAINING AT FT BLISS WILL START RETURNING. (WE WILL  
TRY TO MONITOR ANY INTERCOURSE BETWEEN THESE RETURNEES AND THE  
EGYPTIANS.) ANOTHER INDICATOR WILL BE IN AUGUST WHEN ONE  
OF THE EGYPTIANS IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE. DEPUTY COMMANDER  
KAF, COL AL-SUMAIT, HAS INDICATED MORE THAN ONCE (AND AS  
RECENTLY AS APRIL 18) THAT THIS EGYPTIAN WILL NOT BE RE-  
PLACED, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN ADVISORS IN AIR  
DEFENSE AREA TO TWO.  
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